Rhode Island Department of Health Influenza Vaccine Order Form

For period from September 15th to October 1st

If your practice already sent in a flu vaccine order, please refax your order for this time period using this form.

Vaccine orders will be accepted for the period form September 15th to October 1st for medically high-risk children. Please refer to the Parent Advisory (dated 09/14/04) for a definition of medically high-risk children.

To receive your vaccines you must:

- Fax your order 24 hours in advance to Paul McKiernan at the Department of Health at 222-1442. For next day pick-up, orders must be received by 10am. Approved orders will be faxed back to providers by close of business.
- Use the Influenza Vaccine Order Form each time you place an order. Please complete all fields. Incomplete forms cannot be processed.
- Bring the following when you pick up your vaccine: a cooler to protect the cold chain, photo identification and an approved order form.

Name of Practice:	Tel. Number:			
Contact Person:	FAX Number:			
	Date:			
Pick-Up Location (please check):				
,	Rhode Island Department of Health			
	Fatima Hospital			
	Kent Country Hospital			
	Landmark Hospital			
	Memorial Hospital			
	Newport Hospital			
	Rhode Island Hospital			
	South Country Hospital			
	St. Joseph's Hospital			
	Westerly Hospital			
	Women & Infants Hospital			

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Age Group	Product	Package	Population Estimate	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
6-35 Months	Fluzone® Pediatric Formula	0.25mL Single Dose Vials			
3 Years	Fluzone®	0.50mL 10- Dose Vials			
4-18 Years	Fluzone® or Fluviron®	0.50mL 10- Dose Vials			

DOH use

The population estimates of 3 year-olds only and 4-18 year-olds are requested so that the supply of both Fluzone® and Fluviron® may be managed to apportion these vaccine products efficiently. Please note that the amount requested for 4-18 year-olds may be filled by either Fluzone® or Fluviron® product.

PARENT ADVISORY: Flu Vaccines

The Rhode Island Department of Health has established the following guidelines for distribution of influenza vaccines:

Medically high-risk children – Immunize starting September 15th

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has defined medically high-risk children as follows:

- Children with chronic health conditions such as asthma, diabetes, heart or lung disease
- Children with weakened immune systems
- Children who receive long-term aspirin therapy
- Pregnant teenagers in any trimester of pregnancy

*NOTE: While healthy children 6-23 months are defined as high-risk by ACIP, the Department of Health will not have vaccine available for this age group until after October 1st.

Healthy children ages 6 months through 18 years – Immunize starting October 1st

After October 1st, vaccine orders for healthy children ages 6 months through 18 years will be filled when vaccine supplies arrive from CDC.

Adult household members and close contacts – Immunize in October and November

To prevent influenza among children at high risk for complications, vaccine is also recommended for:

- Household members of children less than 6 months of age
- Household members of children in high-risk groups
- Childcare providers, center-based or family home providers
- Close contacts, for example grandparents or relatives ages 50-64 years

Adults needing influenza vaccines should talk to their doctor or attend one of the scheduled public influenza clinics. For a list of scheduled clinics, call the Flu Hotline at 1-800-555-7858 beginning October 1st or visit www.health.ri.gov.